

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application. The claims have also been amended to delete multiple dependencies. Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.


Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Preliminary Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The specification has been amended to provide cross-referencing to the International Application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

3. (Amended) The high water-absorbent resin particle according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the content of ethylene in the ethylene-glycidyl (meth)acrylate copolymer is 50 to 99% by weight.

4. (Amended) The high water-absorbent resin particle according to claim 1 [any one of claim 1 to 3], wherein the melting point of the ethylene-glycidyl (meth)acrylate copolymer is 50° to 150°C.

5. (Amended) The high water-absorbent resin particle according to claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 4], wherein the melt flow rate of the ethylene-glycidyl (meth)acrylate copolymer is 1 to 400 g/10 minutes at 190°C under 2160 gf.

6. (Amended) The high water-absorbent resin particle according to claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 5], wherein the high water-absorbent resin is at least one member selected from the group consisting of a crosslinked acrylate polymer, a crosslinked vinyl alcohol-acrylate copolymer, a crosslinked maleic anhydride-grafted polyvinyl alcohol, crosslinked acrylate-methacrylate copolymer, a crosslinked saponified methyl acrylate-vinyl acetate copolymer, a crosslinked starch-acrylate graft copolymer, a crosslinked saponified starch-acrylonitrile graft copolymer, a crosslinked carboxymethyl cellulose, a crosslinked isobutylene-maleic anhydride copolymer, and a crosslinked ethylene oxide polymer.

7. (Amended) The high water-absorbent resin particle according to claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 6], wherein the resin particle has an average particle diameter of 5 to 1000 μm .